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SUBJECT: ANOTHER NORTH KOREAN GROUP ARRIVES: SOUTH KOREANS BUSY TOO

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1. FORTY-ONE MAN NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION LED BY PEOPLE'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER RO TRI SOK (AS CARRIED IN PRESS) ARRIVED LAGOS OVER THE WEEKEND. GROUP REPORTEDLY WILL STAY MORE THAN A MONTH TO STUDY DEVELOPMENT AID PROJECT POSSIBILITIES. NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION APPEARS TO BE PROMISED FOLLOW-UP TO LATE JANUARY "EXPLORATORY" VISIT BY DEPUTY PREMIER HO TAM (REF. A).

2. SOUTH KOREANS HAVE ALSO BEEN BUSY HERE LATELY. OVER WEEKEND, LAGOS NEWSPAPER /PUNCH/ CARRIED "APPEAL" MADE BY HEAD
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OF LOCAL SOUTH KOREAN TRADE PROMOTION OFFICE
YOUNG SIK CHANG FOR INCREASED TRADE AND INVESTMENT LINKS BETWEEN HIS COUNTRY AND NIGERIA. YOUNG SAID KOREAN INDUSTRIALISTS EAGER TO EXPORT TO NIGERIA AND TO PARTICIPATE IN JOINT VENTURES HERE. ACCORDING TO YOUNG, ROK GOVERNMENT IS MOVING TO INCREASE VOLUME BILATERAL TRADE THIS YEAR AND KOREAN MERCHANTS PLAN TO BEGIN SOON TO IMPORT LARGE AMOUNTS NIGERIAN PRODUCTS SUCH AS PETROLEUM,

TIMBER AND COAL. SOUTH KOREANS MADE BIGGISH SPLASH IN PRESS HERE
LAST DECEMBER WHEN SOLE AGENCY ARRANGEMENT WITH NIGERIAN
FIRM ("THE FIRST IN AFRICA") FOR DISTRIBUTION OF HYUNDAI MOTOR
COMPANY'S "PONY" AUTOMOBILE WAS ANNOUNCED. THUS, WHILE FMG
IS DEALING ON OFFICIAL HIGH LEVEL BASIS WITH NORTH KOREANS,
ROK IS SO FAR BEING ALLOWED TO MAINTAIN A PRESENCE HERE THROUGH
DEALINGS WITH INFLUENTIAL NIGERIAN PRIVATE BUSINESS
COMMUNITY AND, REPORTEDLY, WITH LOWER ECHELON TRADE MINISTRY
OFFICIALS (SEE REF B).
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